

There's no limit to what people with disabilities can do. Now, that includes saving, too.

With Alaska ABLE Plan, you can save for qualified disability expenses without losing your eligibility for certain assistance programs, like SSI and Medicaid.

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# **Plan Highlights:**

#### Save with special tax advantages.

The earnings on your investments are federally tax-deferred and tax-free, if used for qualified disability expenses. That can help your savings compound, earning returns on your returns.

### Maintain your current benefits.

- Balances of \$100,000 or less are excluded from your SSI resource limit.
- Only the amount OVER \$100,000 is counted against your limit, along with assets held in non-ABLE accounts.
- If your account causes you to exceed the SSI resource limit, then your SSI benefits will be suspended until the account balance no longer exceeds your resource limit.<sup>2</sup>
- You'll continue to be eligible for Medicaid, regardless of your account balance.<sup>3</sup>

# Open an account in minutes.

Just tell us a little bit about yourself and select your investments. That's it. You can easily access your account at any time, from a PC, tablet, or mobile device. Plus, you can get started with as little as \$25.

## Make withdrawals easily.

With Alaska ABLE Plan, you can access your savings by:

- going online
- calling us
- mailing a paper form (coming Spring 2017)

#### Avoid hidden fees.

The annualized investment costs on assets per investment option range from 0.34% to 0.38%, depending on which investment option(s) you select. Each account is charged an annual account maintenance fee of \$40 and an annual paper delivery fee of \$15 for the printing and mailing of statements and confirmations. The annual paper delivery fee will be waived if you sign up for electronic delivery.

#### Who's eligible?

Eligible individuals can open the account for themselves, or an authorized individual can open an account on their behalf. There are a few requirements that individuals with disabilities must meet to be able to have an account.

You're eligible if:

- You're entitled to SSI or SSDI because of your disability; and
- your disability was present before age 26.

You must certify that:

- You have a physical or mental disability that can be expected to last for at least a year or can cause death; or you are blind; or your disability is included on the Social Security Administration's List of Compassionate Allowances Conditions; and
- Such blindness or disability occurred before age 26.

(Proof of eligibility is not required to open an account. However, you should maintain a record of your diagnosis, benefits verification letter or other relevant documents in the event that you are required to prove eligibility at a later time.)

### What are Qualified Disability Expenses?

These are ANY expenses that are incurred as a result of living with a disability and are intended to improve your quality of life.

Qualified expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Education
- Health and wellness
- Housing
- Transportation
- Legal fees
- Financial management
- Employment training and support
- Assistive technology
- Personal support services
- Oversight and monitoring
- Funeral and burial expenses

#### When savings is used for non-qualified expenses:

• The earnings portion of the withdrawal will be treated as income, so it will be taxed at your tax rate, and will be subject to a 10% federal tax penalty and applicable state taxes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Earnings on non-qualified withdrawals may be subject to federal income tax and a 10% federal penalty tax, as well as applicable state and local income taxes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Please see the Plan Disclosure Documents for complete details on SSI suspension and any requirements on when you use the funds, to prevent suspension of benefits.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Please note that following the death of the account owner, the state Medicaid plan may file a claim against the Account Owner or the Account itself for medical assistance paid under the state's Medicaid plan after the establishment of the account. Please see the Plan Disclosure Documents for more information.